## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ex rel. TIFFANY MONTCRIEFF, ROBERTA MARTINEZ, and ALICIA BURNETT, Plaintiffs, Civil Action No. SA-17-CV-00317-XR v.

PERIPHERAL VASCULAR ASSOCIATES P.A.,

Defendant.

## **UNITED STATES' STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

Although the government did not intervene in this case and is not a party, the government remains the real party in interest. See 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d). The government submits this statement of interest to notify the Court about an issue raised by Defendant Peripheral Vascular Associates, P.A. (PVA). See 28 U.S.C. § 517 (authorizing statements of interest).

In PVA's Motion to Reconsider Granting of Relators' Motions in Limine (Dkt. 175), PVA referenced a meeting on August 22, 2018. One of the attendees was Tomas Gonzales, a Special Agent with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG). After the meeting, Mr. Gonzales prepared a Report of Investigation Activity about the meeting.

Yesterday evening, counsel for the United States confirmed that on November 25, 2019, HHS-OIG produced this Report of Investigation Activity to PVA in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act. For the Court's benefit, the government submits HHS-OIG's response to PVA's FOIA request including the Report. See Exhibit 1 at 23.

Dated: February 4, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

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